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Mora Pharmacist Jenny Houglum Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Minnesota Pharmacists Association (MPhA) has selected Jenny Houglum as the recipient of the 2015 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Houglum was presented with the award at the MPhA Annual Learning Networking Event on Saturday, September 12. The Bowl of Hygeia is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation, the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations and the American Pharmacists Association with support from Boehringer Ingelheim.

Houglum is an employee of FirstLight Health System in Mora, Minn. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy.

Houglum is actively involved in the pharmacy profession on the state level as a long-standing member of the Minnesota Pharmacists Association and the Minnesota Society of Health-System Pharmacists. She has assisted with several MPhA membership drives and performed ad hoc committee work. At the national level, Houglum is a member of the American Pharmacists Association.

Through her professional work and community service, Houglum demonstrates a passion and commitment to the patients she serves and to her community. Her drive to serve others is evident in her personal and professional life. In both her civic and pharmacy work, the patient's experience remains her priority, and she is skilled at sharing her message and being understood by those with whom she interacts.

Outside of the pharmacy arena, Houglum is active in her church and volunteers for nursery care and other projects as needed. She has also served for many years as a board member and president of the local Dollars for Scholars program, and has been a driving force behind this locally-established and funded scholarship organization that aims to make college education more attractive and attainable for local students. Since its inception, Dollars for Scholars has provided over \$900,000 to 842 recipients, with 38 awarded this year alone.

Established in 1958, the Bowl of Hygeia Award recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their communities and encourages pharmacists to take active roles in the affairs of their respective communities. The award is presented annually by participating state pharmacist associations, including those in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In addition to service through their local, state and national pharmacy associations, award recipients have devoted their time, talent and resources to a wide variety of causes and community service.

The Bowl of Hygeia is the most widely recognized international symbol for the pharmacy profession and is considered one of the profession's most prestigious awards. The Bowl of Hygeia has been associated with the pharmacy profession since as early as 1796 when the symbol was used on a coin minted for the Parisian Society of Pharmacy. The bowl represents a medicinal potion and the snake represents healing. Healing through medicine is precisely why the pharmacy profession has adopted the Bowl of Hygeia symbol.

About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation

The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., is a trusted source of research demonstrating how pharmacists can improve health care. The APhA Foundation's mission is to improve people's health through pharmacists' patient care services. The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website www.aphafoundation.org. Follow the APhA Foundation on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest updates.

About the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations

The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) promotes leadership, sharing, learning, and policy exchange among pharmacy leaders in all 50 states and Washington, DC, and provides education and advocacy to support pharmacists, patients, and communities working together to improve public health. NASPA was founded in 1927 as the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPAE). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site www.naspa.us.